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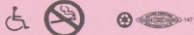
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Café de La Peña

Wed. - Sun. 5:30 pm
510.849.4846
(for café business only)

La Tienda Box Office

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Wed. - Sat. 1 - 6 pm
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* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that tarjetas (La Peña discount cards) are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California.



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¡viva el Carnaval!

Cultural Center & Cafe Calendar • March 2001

Celebrating Women's Month

A.K.A. Dominga



Aywah!



Maria Marquez



Chata & Rosa



Joyce Young



Avotcja



DOM - SUN

LUN - MON

MAR - TUE

MIER - WED

JUEV - THURS

VIER - FRI

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4 **IN THE CAFE**
La Peña Flamenca
CommunityJuerqa 4pm \$3

Private event in the theater

Join La Peña by volunteering your time and skills. Call Paul Flores at 849-2568 ext. 11 for volunteer opportunities.

SAT. MORNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
10:30am \$4 adults • \$3 children

March 3: Derique, the high tech clown.

March 10: Magic Window Puppet Theater.

Linda Zittel presents charming hand puppets with warm and humorous stories.

7 **CAFE POETRY**
hosted by Youth Speaks
7:30pm \$2

John Trudell
John Trudell is a poet, singer and one of the most powerful voices of the human spirit today. He is a long-time activist for Native American rights and freedoms. Tonight he will be sharing his poetry and his thoughts as a benefit for La Peña.

7:30pm \$10/8
\$2 off for members

8 **FORUM**
Education for Social Justice: The Corporate Takeover of Education
Our nation's schools are under attack as corporations buy their way into the classroom: advertising, fast food contracts, event teaching materials are causing us to lose our classrooms to corporate control. In this presentation/workshop we shall explore what can be done to take back our schools. 7:30pm \$3 (no one turned away for lack of funds)

9 **MUSIC & DANCE**
Aywah!
An evening of music and dance from Egypt, Turkey, Morocco and the Balkan Roma. Featuring Aywah! Ethnic Dance Company; Vince Delgado, Darbuka, Kanun; Carolie Russo, Oud; Clark Welsh, saxophone, clarinet, argghoul, duduk, bouzouki. Guest singer Eva Primack.
8pm \$13 adv \$15 door
\$2 off for members

3 **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM WITH DERIQUE. 10:30AM**
Percussion Workshop with Ban Rarra - 1 - 3 pm
Cuban-Haitian Rhythms

Direct from Cuba! Cuba's greatest soneros **SIERRA MAESTRA** Two exclusive shows **8 & 10pm**
\$20 adv, \$22 door • Tickets available at www.lapena.org
\$2 off for members

11 **IN THE CAFE**
Domingo de Rumba
3:30pm Free

BAILE / DANCE

MUSICA SIN FRONTERAS
Women's Salsa Night
Salsa y música caribeña with DJs
CHATA GUTIERREZ & ROSA OVIEDO
5pm \$6*

March 17: Zun Zun perform music from a variety of regions of Latin America.

March 24: Join Bonnie Lockhart and The Chabot School 2nd & 3rd grade chorus for a morning of songs & musical games from near and far.

14 **CAFE POETRY**
An evening of women's word honoring International Women's month
Avotcja, Straight Out Scribes, Tureeda & Kira Allen. Hosted by Joyce Young. Open mic to follow.
7:30pm \$4

Native American Talent Show
Native American Health Center presents a staff talent show to benefit the newly established NAHC College Scholarship Fund for Bay Area Native American youth. Featuring music, poetry and comedy acts. 7pm \$5*

15 **COMMUNITY MEETING**
CPEPR, The Center for Popular Education and Participatory Research
CPEPR hosts a series of community meetings. The theme of this month is "Empowering Youth for Social Change through Popular Education." Guest speakers. Call (510) 548-1594 or cpepr@yahoo.com for more info.
6pm FREE

16 **CONCERT**
NOCHE PERUANA
Rompe y Raja with members of Peru Negro

Peruvian ensemble features the traditional dance and music of coastal Peru which combines the richness of the African heritage, Spanish and indigneous influences.

8:30pm \$13adv. \$15 door
\$2 off formembers

17 **LA PEÑA CHILDREN'S SHOW WITH ZUN ZUN. 10:30 AM**
CONCERT/DANCE
John Santos & The Machete Ensemble
"...the Oakland-based percussionist and his ensemble dig deep into the music's root, tracing their path from West Africa to Cuba and other parts of the Caribbean and on to New York and points west."
—L. Hildebrand, Express music critic
8:30pm \$12 adv. \$14 door
\$2 off formembers

18 **IN THE CAFE**
La Peña Flamenca
CommunityJuerqa 4pm \$3

VIDEO
Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win
As part of the commemoration of the 1871 Paris Commune, Labor Fest presents this U.S. premiere by Jean Pierre Thorn. A film on the May-June '68 French general strike. Director Pierre Thorn will be present. Also screening of France on Strike. Son. by Laborfest 2001. www.laborfest.net
6pm \$7*

La Peña launches its 2001 Carnaval Series

by Jorge Domínguez

20 **TEACH IN**
FREE TEACH IN
Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) Learn what the corporate raiders have in store for Latin America, the Caribbean, and the U.S. Theater, speakers, break-out sessions. Info. on how to get involved.
7pm FREE

21 **CAFE POETRY**
Hosted by Paul Flores. Featuring **Joyce Young and Juliette Torrez** Open mic to follow. 8pm \$5

VIDEO
Out, (by Sonja DeVries & Rhonda Collins). The story of former political prisoner Laura Whitehorn, a lesbian, who spent 14 years in prison for her actions against U.S. imperialism. Spon. by Jericho Amnesty Movement, Northern CA. 7:30pm \$5*

22 **FREE LECTURE/DEMO**
Caribbean Carnival
Panel of Carnival band leaders, scholars of Caribbean culture. Pan maker and tuner, Leroy Williams from Trinidad, will do a presentation and display steel drums the only instrument to be invented in the 20th century. Ras Gomo George, visual artist and scholar from Dominica will speak about the influence of Caribbean carnival costuming. 7:30pm FREE

23 **BENEFIT CONCERT**
Lichi Fuentes & Rafael Manriquez
Two of the most beautiful and praised South American voices in the Bay Area team up again for an evening of original and traditional songs in a benefit concert for Berkeley High School's Communication on Art and Science Project, CAS. Rafael will present new songs from his latest CD, *La Travesía*.
8pm \$12*

24 **LA PEÑA CHILDREN'S SHOW WITH BONNIE LOCKHART 10:30 AM**
COLLECTIVE SOUL
Coproresented by Blu Magazine
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BOX.A.CHOCOLATES
DJ SHAKE-ONE
DJ REBORN
plus guests
8pm
\$7 before 10pm
\$2 off for members

25 **IN THE CAFE**
Domingo de Rumba
3:30pm Free

EVENT
Sister Gathering
A gathering for women of consciousness with music, food, and ideas. For details call (510) 658-6627.
3pm \$15*

THUR. 22 • 7:30PM & FRI. MARCH 30 • 8PM
La Peña Carnaval Series examines the tradition of carnival celebrations in the Caribbean and South America.

Cultural Room Photo exhibit of carnival celebrations.

This series made possible in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

28 **CAFE POETRY**
Hosted by Rain. Open mic to follow. 7:30pm \$2

The Berkeley Arts Festival & Arnie Passman's House of Cards presents **Conversations in Commedia**
Featuring an All 60's Mime Troupers evening of Judy Goldhaft, Reinhabitory Theater and Water Web & Jane Lapiner, Human Nature Dance, Queen Salmon and Wolf At the Door, with Peter Berg, Green City & Planet Drum. 7:30pm \$8 (\$2 off for members)

29 **BENEFIT**
National Black Lesbian Conference Benefit
Zuna Institute present an evening of spoken word, song, and dance featuring local artist to benefit the National Black Lesbian Conference.
7:30pm \$7-10 sliding scale*
For more information call 510-482-1671

30 **BENEFIT**
Caribbean Carnival
A night of color, rhythm, and dance featuring a pan-Caribbean show with Ras Mo, All Ah We Mass troupe with carnival costumes, D' Midas Carnival Group, Petite la Croix dancers with Haitian folk songs, dances and drumming, Jouvèrt, La Peña drum class, Asheba, and DJ Sweet Waist.
8pm \$12 in adv. \$14 at the door
\$2 off for members

31 **DANCE/BAILE**
Jesus Diaz y su QBA
Great Cuban timba dance music
9:30pm \$12
\$2 off for members
8:15 pm: dance class with Jose "Cheo" Rojas
\$15 Class & Dance

From Cuba!
Sierra Maestra
Cuba's greatest soneros in two exclusive shows for the Bay Area, Sat., March 3, 2001
8pm & 10pm
\$20 adv, \$22 door
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O-Maya
Collective Soul Presents O-Maya, (The Illusion of Life)
Afro Cuban/Hip Hop band that incorporates music from around the globe. Sat., March 24 • 8pm

Lichi Fuentes & Rafael Manriquez
Responsible for introducing the Nueva Canción to Bay Area audiences, Lichi and Rafael team up their gorgeous voices and fine guitar playing for a benefit concert. Fri., March 23 • 8pm

John Santos & The Machete Ensemble
John is one of the foremost performers of Afro-Latin music in the United States today and is known for his innovative use of traditional forms and instruments in combination with contemporary music. Sat., March 17 • 8:30pm

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Canto Para una Semilla



Fri. March 9 • 8pm

A Cantata written by Luis Advis and based on the autobiographical verses of Chile's Violeta Parra. Considered to be the initiator and the most influential artist in the development of the New Latin American Song Movement, Violeta came from a humble family in the south of Chile. Her research and creative musical work was based on her admiration and respect for the Chilean folkloric expressions and her struggle against foreign music on Chilean media. As noted

Cuban singer and composer Silvio Rodriguez once said, "Violeta is fundamental. Nothing would have been as it is had it not been for Violeta."

Jesus Diaz y su QBA



Sat. March 31 • 9:30pm

Dance/baile with Jesus Diaz y Su QBA. In the Cuban language of music, timba means young, aggressive complex and highly danceable new Cuban music. Bay Area percussionist and singer Diaz has been creating original timba music with a tight ensemble. Great for dancing!

La Peña's Art Exhibits

CAFE EXHIBIT

REBIRTH

In the cafe: A multi-generational exhibit of artwork by mestizos celebrating the emergence of 11 year-old artist Martín Gutierrez. Plus art work by his sisters, Loushana Rose & Amalia Gutierrez. Reception Sat., March 3, 6-8pm.

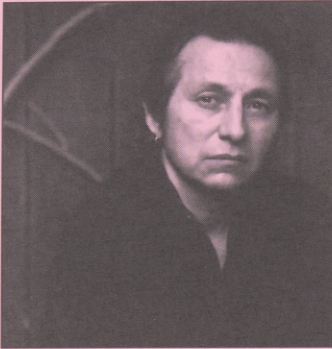
LOBBY EXHIBIT



From A Nation of Immigrants

In the lobby: **A Nation of Immigrants.** The Immigrant Legal Resource Center presents the art work of artists from the ages of 13-17 in celebration of the center's 20th anniversary.

La Peña fundraiser with John Trudell



Wed. March 7 7:30pm

John was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and grew up on the nearby Santee Sioux reservation. The loss of his mother at an early age and the hardship of watching his father struggle to support their large family galvanized in him the

injustices of the American dream. John will be sharing his poetry and thoughts as well as lending his support to La Peña's fund raising activities. John will also be appearing on Tues. March 6 at the S.F. Women's Bldg. to benefit the U'wa tribe of Colombia. For info. call (408) 846-8680

Conversations in Commedia

Wed., March 28 • 7:30pm

Each month this year, a brace of comic players/radical theater elders from the San Francisco Mime Troupe and their spawn-dell-Arte Players, Vaudeville Nouveau, Make-A-Circus, Pickle Family Circus, et al--will join a moderator to tell us of their lives as theater workers, entertainers, and educators. This series is sponsored by the Berkeley Arts Festival and Arnie Passman's House of cards in collaboration with La Peña Cultural Center.

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GENERAL TICKET INFORMATION

Advance tickets, WHEN AVAILABLE, may be purchased during La Peña's box office hours from 1-6pm, Wed.-Sat. We also accept charges by phone (849-2568) and online at www.lapena.org. You may also send a check to La Peña at least one and a half weeks before the show and the tickets will be held for you at the ticket booth. Fax orders (up to 72 hour prior to show date) for tickets at (510) 849-9397. Please include your day-time phone and credit card number.

MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT TO LA PEÑA!

\$50 buys a new chair • \$100 a new microphone • \$700 a laser printer • \$700 pays for one month of printing the La Peña calendar
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SIGN UP FOR E-SCRIP AND HELP LA PEÑA WHILE YOU SHOP!

E-Scrip, an electronic corporate giving program that lets a percentage of you shopping dollars (at selected merchants like Andronico's Whole Foods, etc. go to benefit La Peña Cultural Center. This program is very beneficial to La Peña and is a relatively painless way of supporting all the wonderful non-profit cultural and educational programs provided by La Peña.

For E-Scrip sign up forms: pick them up at programs or call Sylvia at 849-2568 ext. 16 for more information.

PLANNED GIVING TO LA PEÑA

For more than 25 years, La Peña has relied on the support of donors to maintain our mission of linking the arts to the struggles for peace and social justice. There are ways to extend that support, including: **a)** Make a tax-deductible contribution **b)** Become a member **c)** Donate stocks or other securities **d)** Include a bequest to La Peña in your will or life insurance policy **e)** designate La Peña as a beneficiary of an IRA or pension plan or worksite giving plan. For info. call Paul Chin at (510) 849-2568 ext. 17.

Become a La Peña Member

Yes, I want to join at the following Song of Unity Membership level: Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation.

☐ **PADRINO/MADRINA \$500** – All of the benefits listed below, plus a free annual pass to all La Peña events, and a listing in our newsletter's Honors Sections as a La Peña Patron.

☐ **VICTOR JARA \$250** – All of the benefits listed below, plus a La Peña T-Shirt, and a listing in our newsletter's Honors Section as a La Peña Benefactor.

☐ **PAUL ROBESON \$100** – All of the benefits listed below, plus discounted admission to La Peña events.

☐ **MALVINA REYNOLDS \$50** – All of the benefits listed below, plus \$10 coupon for food at Cafe de La Peña.

☐ **COMPAÑERO/A \$35** – Information membership. You get our calendar, newsletter, and mailings about our special events and celebrations--gallery openings, special performances, events sponsored elsewhere.

☐ **ACTIVISTA \$20** – Student/low or fixed income membership – same benefits as Compañero/ Information Membership

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WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE:

Free classes are supported by the California Arts Council Artists in Residence program. Other classes are supported by participant fees. Enrollment is limited, and instructor permission is required. For more information about these classes, call Sylvia Sherman at 510/849-2568 extension 16 (Mon.-Fri. 12-5pm). (**TS** = Theater Space, **CR** = Community Room behind La Tienda, **CA** = Cafe Area). **CR11** = (Classroom behind community room)

PERCUSSION:

Afro-Cuban Percussion (Monday 6 - 7:30pm TS) Students will learn folkloric and popular Afro-Cuban rhythms. Instructor: Jesus Diaz, leader of Jesus Diaz y su QBA. \$15 per class, or \$48 for four classes.

NEW CLASS - Beginning/Intermediate Trap Set (Monday 6 - 7:30 pm, CR11) Instructor: Josh Jones. Class will cover theory and technique and many styles of music including jazz, Latin and funk. Drumset provided. Bring sticks and manuscript paper.

Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion (Monday 6 - 7:30pm, CR) Students must bring their own drums. Congas are welcome. Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free. **Class Closed**

Intermediate Venezuelan Percussion (Monday 7:30 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free. **Class Closed**

NEW CLASS - Afro-Cuban Songs and Chekere (Wednesday 6 - 7:30pm, CR11) Instructor: Carlos Aldama, a founder of Conjunto Folklorico Nacional de Cuba. Class will cover Yoruba and Arara songs. \$10 per class or \$32 for 4 classes. Call to confirm participation in this class (849-2568 x16).

Afro-Cuban Percussion (Saturday, 12 - 2pm, CR) Instructor: Sandy Perez (principal percussionist with AfroCuba de Matanzas). Starting March 17 this class will cover various Afro-Cuban folkloric and popular rhythms. \$15/class. For more info call (510) 239-2256.

Eastern Caribbean & Afro-Francophone Rhythms (Sunday 12 - 2pm, CR) This class will cover Calypso, Gwaka, Belaire, Quadrille etc. Bring congas, bells & sticks. Instructor: Ras Mo. Free. For more info call 510-840-1574. No Classes Feb. 18 - March 1.

DANCE

Salsa Class for Children (Saturday 1:00 - 2:30 pm, TS) Students will learn son, cha cha cha, hip hop, merengue, rumba.. For children ages 7 - 18. Instructor: Fito Reinoso and Genesis Reinoso (hip hop) \$5. No class March 3 & 10

NEW CLASS - Cuban Popular Dance (Saturday - 2:30 - 4:00pm, TS) Students will learn salsa, casino, rueda, cha cha cha, mambo, pilon, mozambique. Instructor: Jose "Cheo" Rojas. \$10 or \$32 for 4 classes. No Class March 3&10

STRINGED INSTRUMENTS:

Mandolin (Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free Class Closed

Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro (Tuesday 7 - 8pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free. **Class Closed**

Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro (Tuesday 8 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free. **Class Closed**

Beginning Latin American Guitar (Wednesday 6 - 7:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. Free

Intermediate Latin American Guitar (Wednesday 7:00 - 8pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. Free

Advanced Latin American Guitar (Wednesday 8:00 - 9:00pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. Free

ENSEMBLES:

NEW CLASS - Latin American songwriting and ensemble (Monday 6 - 7:30 pm, Cafe) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. This class will help people interested in composing and arranging songs in various Latin American music styles. The instructor will give feedback and help with students' compositions and the class as a whole will play them. Free

NEW CLASS - Latin American ensemble (Monday 7:30 - 9pm, Cafe) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. Students will learn to play and sing Latin American songs from various different countries. Open to vocalists and instrumentalists. Free

NEW CLASS - Hip Hop/Funk Ensemble (Monday 7:45 - 10pm, TS) Instructor: Josh Jones. Class will learn live break beats - free style and improvisation - as well as working on programming beats. Open to all instrumentalists and vocalists. Free

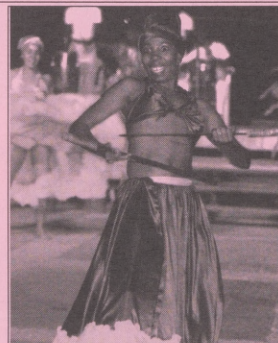
La Peña Community Chorus (Tuesday 7:45 -10pm, TS) Director: Lichi Fuentes. Monthly Membership Dues Required. For chorus info call Nancy Gendel at 510-845-5161. At present there are openings for tenors and bases only.

NEW CLASS - Latin Jazz Ensemble (Tuesday 8 - 10 pm in CR11) Instructor: Josh Jones. Students will learn to play Latin Jazz in an ensemble format. Class will focus on concepts of clave and basic percussion rhythms as they can be applied to all instruments. Free.

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Percussion Workshops at La Peña with Ban Rarra

**Cuban Haitian Rhythms
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1-3pm \$15 each or \$24
for both workshops**



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